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TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN LI TEH-SHENG ATTACKED IN POSTERS

REF: HONG KONG 3816

1. LI TEH-SHENG, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY AND A LEADING MILITARY FIGURE, IS REPORTEDLY BEING ATTACKED BY NAME IN POSTERS IN HIS FORMER PROVINCIAL BASE OF ANHWEI. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN CONGEN OFFICER LANDER, THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING HAS CABLED A REPORT FROM EMBOFF MURRAY MCLEAN WHO SAW THE POSTERS FROM THE TRAIN WHILE TRAVELLING RECENTLY THROUGH ANHWEI, PRESUMABLY IN THE CAPITAL, HOFEI. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE HERE. MCLEAN APPARENTLY TELEPHONED THE INFORMATION TO PEKING FROM SHANGHAI. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IS NOT KNOWN HERE. HE IS NOT EXPECTED IN HONG KONG AND HAS NOT CHECKED IN WITH AUSTRALIANS.

2. USLO'S TIMELY TIP ON THE REPORT AS PICKED UP IN PEKING WAS  
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MUCH APPRECIATED ALONG WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT LI'S RECENT

ABSENCES AND HIS FAILURE TO SEND A WREATH TO CHANG CHIEN'S FUNERAL HAVE LEAD TO CONSIDERABLE COMMENT ABOUT LI'S CURRENT STATUS BY MEMBERS OF THE PEKING DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY (PEKING 0567, NOTAL). AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, LI WAS TRANSFERRED FROM PEKING TO SHENYANG IN THE SHIFT OF MILITARY COMMANDERS AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. HE HAD HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH HIS PEKING DUTIES THE TOP PARTY, CIVIL, AND MILITARY POSTS IN ANHWEI. HE HAS BEEN THE PLA'S CHIEF POLITICAL COMMISSAR. HE ROSE IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, BUT ALSO SUPPRESSED DISORDERS IN ANHWEI, WHICH COULD LEAVE OLD SCORES THERE.

3. COMMENT. WE WOULD WANT TO CONFIRM THIS WITH MCLEAN HIMSELF. AMERICAN JOURNALISTS HERE HAVE THE STORY (THAT IS WHERE WE FIRST HEARD IT) AND WILL PROBABLY MOVE IT. REFTEL OFFERS OUR CURRENT THOUGHTS AND SPECULATION ABOUT THE PRESENT APPARENT TREND TOWARD CRITICISM OF MILITARY MEN.  
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